

diabetes and myocardial infarction of an animal which comprises administering to the animal a protein/phospholipid complex or protein hydrolyzate/phospholipid complex containing 20 - 50 wt% of bound phospholipid, wherein said protein is derived from a plant.

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18. (amended) A method for improving the cholesterol metabolism of an animal which comprises administering to the animal the complex a protein/phospholipid complex or protein hydrolyzate/phospholipid complex containing 20 - 50 wt% of bound phospholipid, wherein said protein is derived from a plant.

Please add the following new Claims 28 to 43.

--28. The method according to claim 17, wherein the phospholipid is lecithin.

Ar 29. The method according to claim 17, wherein the phospholipid is enzyme-modified lecithin obtainable by treating lecithin with phospholipase.

30. The method according to claim 28, wherein the phospholipid is enzyme-modified lecithin obtainable by treating lecithin with phospholipase.

31. The method according to claim 17, wherein the animal is human.

32. The method according to claim 28, wherein the animal is human.

33. The method according to claim 29, wherein the animal is human.

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34. The method according to claim 30, wherein the animal is human.

35. The method according to claim 18, wherein the phospholipid is lecithin.

36. The method according to claim 18, wherein the phospholipid is enzyme-modified lecithin obtainable by treating lecithin with phospholipase.

37. The method according to 35, wherein the phospholipid is enzyme-modified lecithin obtainable by treating lecithin with phospholipase.

38. The method according to claim 18, wherein the animal is human.

39. The method according to claim 35, wherein the animal is human.

40. The method according to claim 36, wherein the animal is human.

41. The method according to claim 37, wherein the animal is human.

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42. A method for lowering cholesterol or lipid level of an animal which comprises administering to the animal a protein/phospholipid or protein hydrolyzate/phospholipid complex containing 20-50 wt% of bound phospholipid wherein said protein is derived from a plant.

43. A method for producing food or feed which comprises adding, to a food or feed material, a protein/phospholipid or protein hydrolyzate/phospholipid complex containing 20 - 50 wt% of bound phospholipid, wherein said protein is derived from a plant.--